

AN ACT

relating to the promotion of tourism related to the musical heritage of this state.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 442, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 442.019 to read as follows:

Sec. 442.019. TEXAS MUSIC HISTORY TRAIL. (a) The commission shall develop a Texas Music History Trail program to promote and preserve Texas music history.

(b) The program, at a minimum, shall include:

(1) designation of locations or organizations that are historically significant to this state's musical heritage;

(2) adoption of an icon, symbol, or other identifying device to represent a designation under this section;

(3) the use of the icon, symbol, or other identifying device in promoting tourism around this state and at the locations or organizations designated under this section; and

(4) to the extent funds are available, the development of itineraries and maps to guide tourists to locations or organizations designated under this section.

(c) The commission shall adopt:

(1) eligibility criteria for a designation under this section; and

(2) procedures to administer the program created under

1 this section.

2 (d) To implement this section, the commission may, as  
3 necessary, enter into a memorandum of understanding with:

4 (1) the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office,  
5 including the divisions of the governor's office responsible for  
6 tourism and music, film, television, and multimedia;

7 (2) the Texas Commission on the Arts; or

8 (3) the Texas Department of Transportation.

9 (e) The commission may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and  
10 other donations from any source to implement this section.

11 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2079 was passed by the House on May 6, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 128, Nays 11, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2079 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor